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Applicant: Kurt Andersson et al	Examiner: Nathaniel C. Chukwurah
Title: Impact Adapter For Transfer Of Impacts And Rotation From An Impact Rock Drilling Machine To A Drill String	Group Art Unit: 3721 Notice of Allowance - Mailed August 21, 2008
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The above identified patent application has been allowed, and the Notice of Allowance was mailed on August 21, 2008.

The Examiner's Reasons For Allowance, attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed with the Notice of Allowance, states:

"The art of record considered as a whole, lone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious an

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impact adapter comprising among other things, a second end section which increases in width in a direction away from the first end section, for transferring impacts and rotation from a rock drilling machine to a drill string."

Applicant respectfully disagrees with this Statement of Reasons For Allowance. The basis for the allowance of this patent application is the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals And Interferences dated July 31, 2008, which reversed the prior art rejection of the claims made in the Official Action dated August 14, 2006. An accurate statement of the reasons for the allowance of Claims 1 and 2 over the prior art applied in that Official Action is accurately set forth in the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals And Interferences dated July 31, 2008.

The Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance is incorrect in that it incorrectly states that the claimed adapter comprises "...a second end section which increases in width in a direction away from the first end section...". On the contrary, independent Claim 1 states that "...the grooves at an end of the second end section directed away from the first end section of the impact adapter increase in width in a direction away from the first end section" [Emphasis added]. Accordingly, it is the grooves at an end of the second end section that increase in width in a direction away from the first end section. Moreover, it is the function of the complete impact adapter, and not the grooves and ridges, for transferring impacts.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement

Of Reasons For Allowance should accurately read as follows:

> "The art of record considered as a whole, alone or in combination, neither anticpates or renders obvious an impact adapter, for transferring impacts and rotation from a rock drilling machine to a drill string, which adapter comprises among other things grooves which increase in width in a direction away from the first end section."

In any event, Applicant respectfully submits that the Decision by the Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences dated July 31, 2008 provides accurate and correct statements of the reasons why Claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the prior art cited of record in connection with the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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